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7 August, 1970.

Mrs. Ella F. Crowter,
301 Buena Vista Ave.,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Crowter:

At long last I am informing you that, on my visit to Albany last Spring, I spent several hours searching through the Church records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Haverstraw without finding mention of the Crowters. For this I am sorry. At the same time, it is certain that all sources have not been exhausted. It is very possible that your people belonged to some other church in that locality, and that further search will prove successful.

Recently I have come on several items which will add color to your family legends. Here they are:

Among a list of noted Canadian-Americans is found this item:

ALBERT LOUIS EDGERTON CROWTER (born Sept. 15, 1846; died June 26, 1925) educator of the deaf, was born in Belleville, Ont., son of Abraham Lewis Crowter and Elizabeth Eliza German. Abraham was descended from a Huguenot family some members of which were Loyalists at the time of the American Revolution. At the age of twenty Albert moved to Kansas and later to Philadelphia where in 1904 he succeeded Alexander Graham Bell as president of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. He married 30 April, 1895, June Yale, and they had nine children.

Note.: This is a son of Anthony, and a grandson of Peter Crowter the Canadian pioneer.

Another item has to do with the Militia of Prince Edward County, and is quoted as follows:

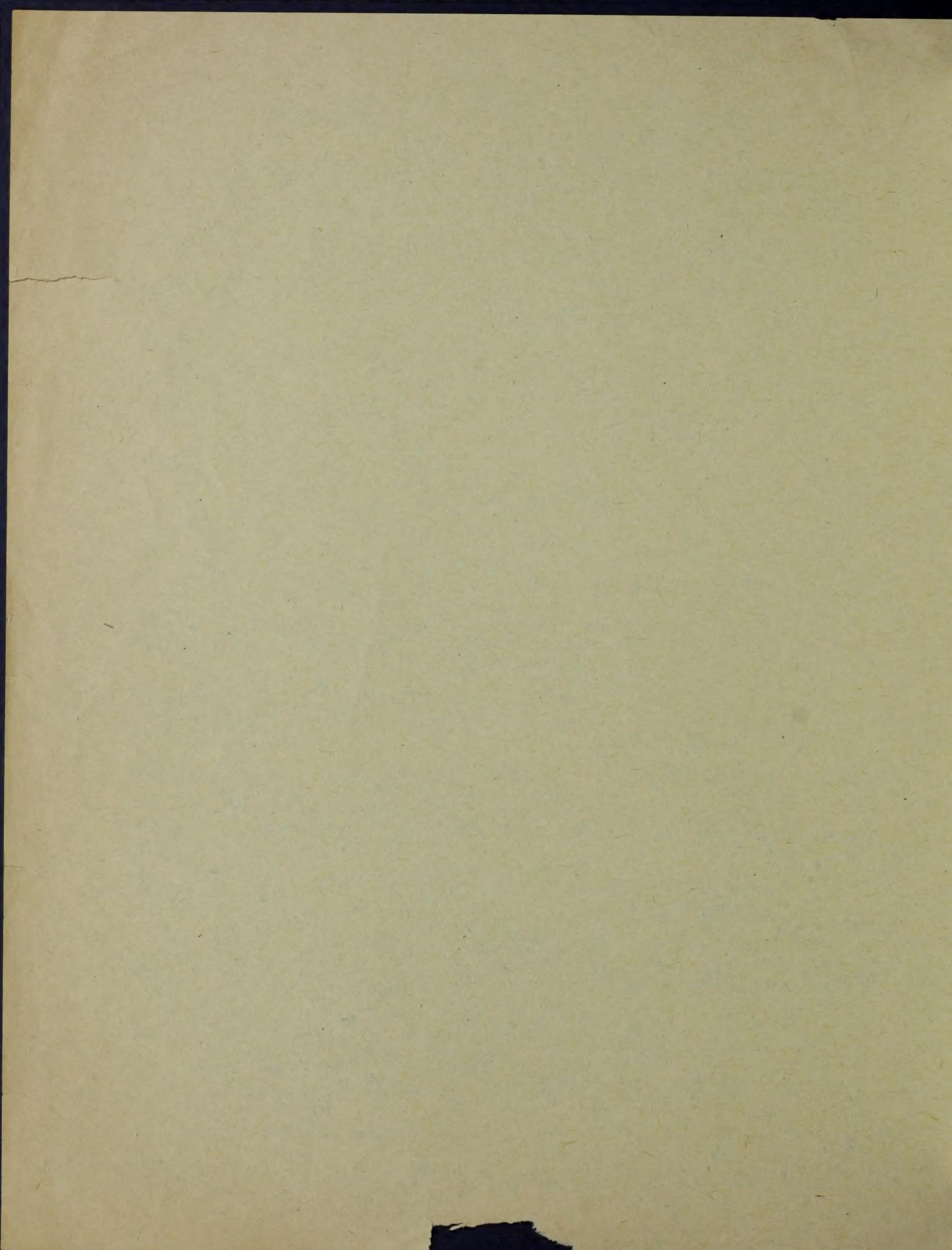
2nd Regiment of Prince Edward Militia. 1822, Colonel Owen Richards, Commander.

Peter Crowter, aged 59 years.
Edward Crowter, aged 21 years.

Note: As you may already know, in the early days all males from 16 to 60 had to serve in the local militia. The Peter here is undoubtedly the man so named in the census of Haverstraw who had five children. He is also the man who applied for lands in 1796, at which time he had six children. Also note that his age as given coincides with recorded on his tombstone in the Ameliasburgh cemetery. The Edward was his fifth son, as recorded in the records already sent to you.

I trust that these additions meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,



9 April 1970

Dear Dr. Burleigh:-

I would like to thank you for the information you sent us. You have helped us a great deal. We are well pleased. I know it takes a lot of time to sort out and compile the information you gather. Birth dates, marriage, and death dates help to place them in the right families.

I have been checking what I have to see if I could come up with the answers to the questions you asked. David and Abraham could belong to Peter the pioneer. Francis and Peter to the other families, if we knew their ages at death we could check back.

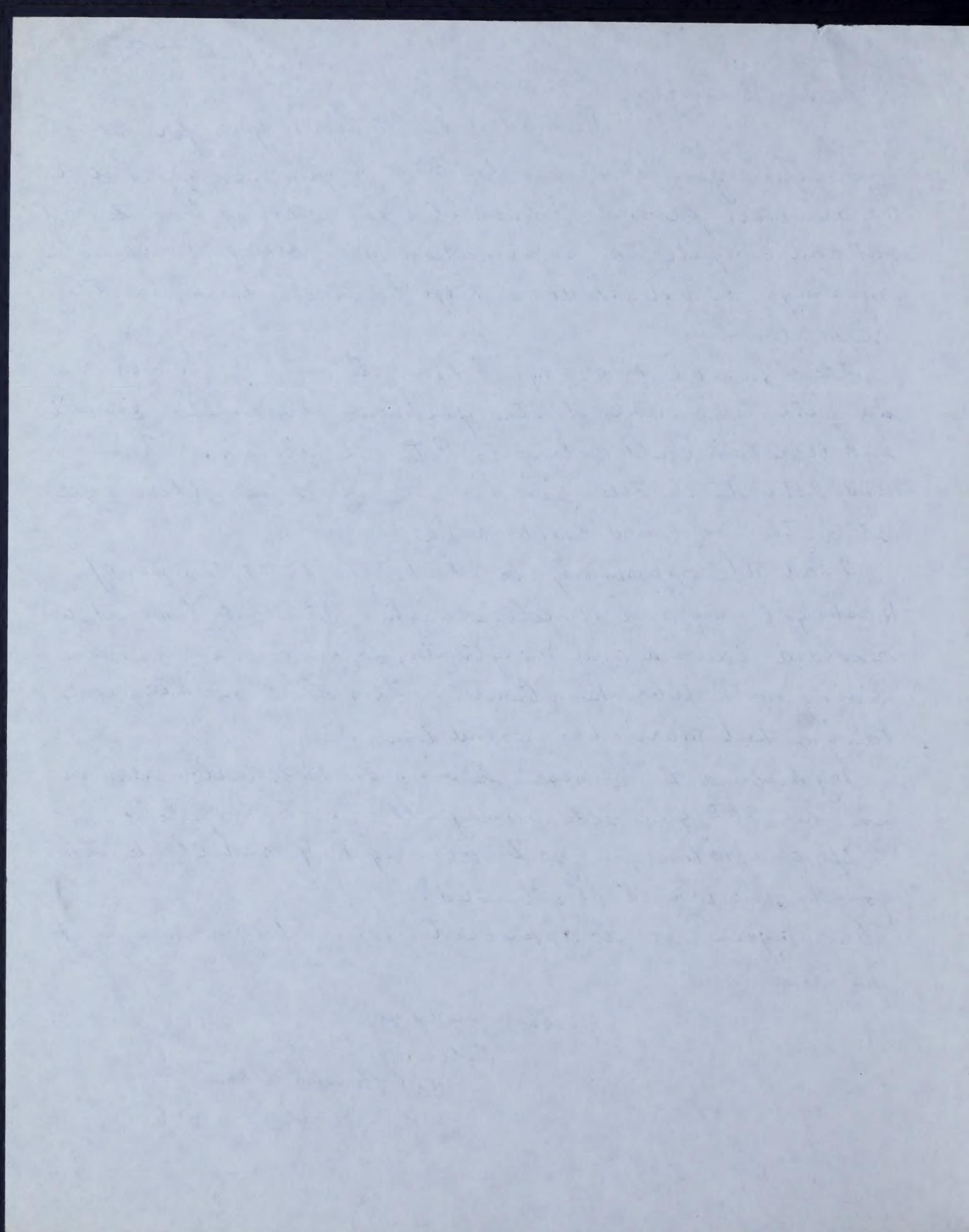
I had the opportunity to check the 1871 census of Hastings County and Ameliasburgh. At that time it was recorded Edward and Mary Crouter, both age seventy, were living with Abraham Crouter. This then would mean Edward had married a second time.

My husband has a sister living in Belleville. She is in her 86th year. She is very ill in the hospital.

If and when you go to Albany N.Y. and check the family we would be interested.

Once again we do appreciate the work you have sent us thank you.

Sincerely yours
Ella F. Crouter
301 Buena Vista Ave.
Oshawa, Ont.



1st. March 1970

1822
1878
1763

Dear Dr. Burleigh:-

I received your letter 23 Feb. Was very pleased to hear of the information you have on the Crouter family.

May I ask are you a member of the family or a genealogist?

If you are interested to have our family? I would be glad to send it to you. We had three children.

Harry Crouter son of David Crouter lives in Oshawa and has two married children.

I have been in bed since October with a heart condition, so not able to get around to much at present.

If you are going to Albany in the Spring and think there is a chance of finding more records I would be interested. Will you please let me know where the records can be found and what they are.

Please find enclosed a cheque for twenty-five dollars.

Thank you for your trouble and kindness

1. Census of NY 1790
2. Petition Public Archives
3. P. L. B. Q.
4. Albany Cemetery
5. Directory of P. & Ed Co. 1865
6. Directory Hastings Co 1870
7. Militia roll. Northumberland Co 1828
8. Atlas of Worth & Denker 1878
9. ... Hastings & P. & Ed Co

Sincerely
Ella F. Crouter

301 Buena Vista Ave
Oshawa Ont.

2^d Regt P. & Ed Militia 1822
Col Owen Richards
Peter Crouter age 59
Edward " " 21

and the 20th we had
a good day, and I am sure the
21st we continued to eat the bacon you
sent us, giving about 1000 lbs.
of bacon to the men in our dock yard
where Captain and Mr. B. had been sent
to get the men to do the work. We had
a good time there, and I am sure the
men were not bad, but the
Captains were not good, and he
had to have the dog to stop him, when
he was going to the place to give us our
meat. I think we are going to have a good
time here, and we will be back in a few
days. I am sure you will be happy to see us
again, and we will be happy to see you again.

21 March, 1970.

Mrs. Ella F. Crouter,
301 Buena Vista Ave.,
Oshawa, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Crouter:

Herewith the final pages dealing with the Crouter Family. I hope that you are not too disappointed. I am not a relative, nor have I ever seen a person by that name. I have compiled this from several sources. Sorting out the various branches since their arrival in Canada can be a source of satisfaction. I hope, in the Spring, on my trip to Albany, N. Y. to be able to supply additional information on the family before emigration.

There are several loose ends which I could not find means of placing them on the family tree. Here are some

1. James H. Crouter, died 10 Aug., 1858, aged 23 years & 3 months.
Buried in the McDowell Cemetery, seven miles west of Bath, Ontario.
2. Florence Crouter, born 1869, died 1954, wife of W. H. Ketcheson, Jr.
Taken from the Ketcheson Genealogy, of Hastings County.
3. Northumberland Militia Return, 1828
David Crouter, aged 37. (second son of Peter the Pioneer).
Abraham Crouter, aged 30. (Fourth son of Peter the Pioneer).
Francis Crouter, aged 26. (Is he also a son of Peter the Pioneer).
Peter Crouter, aged 25. (Is he 3rd son of Peter the Pioneer).

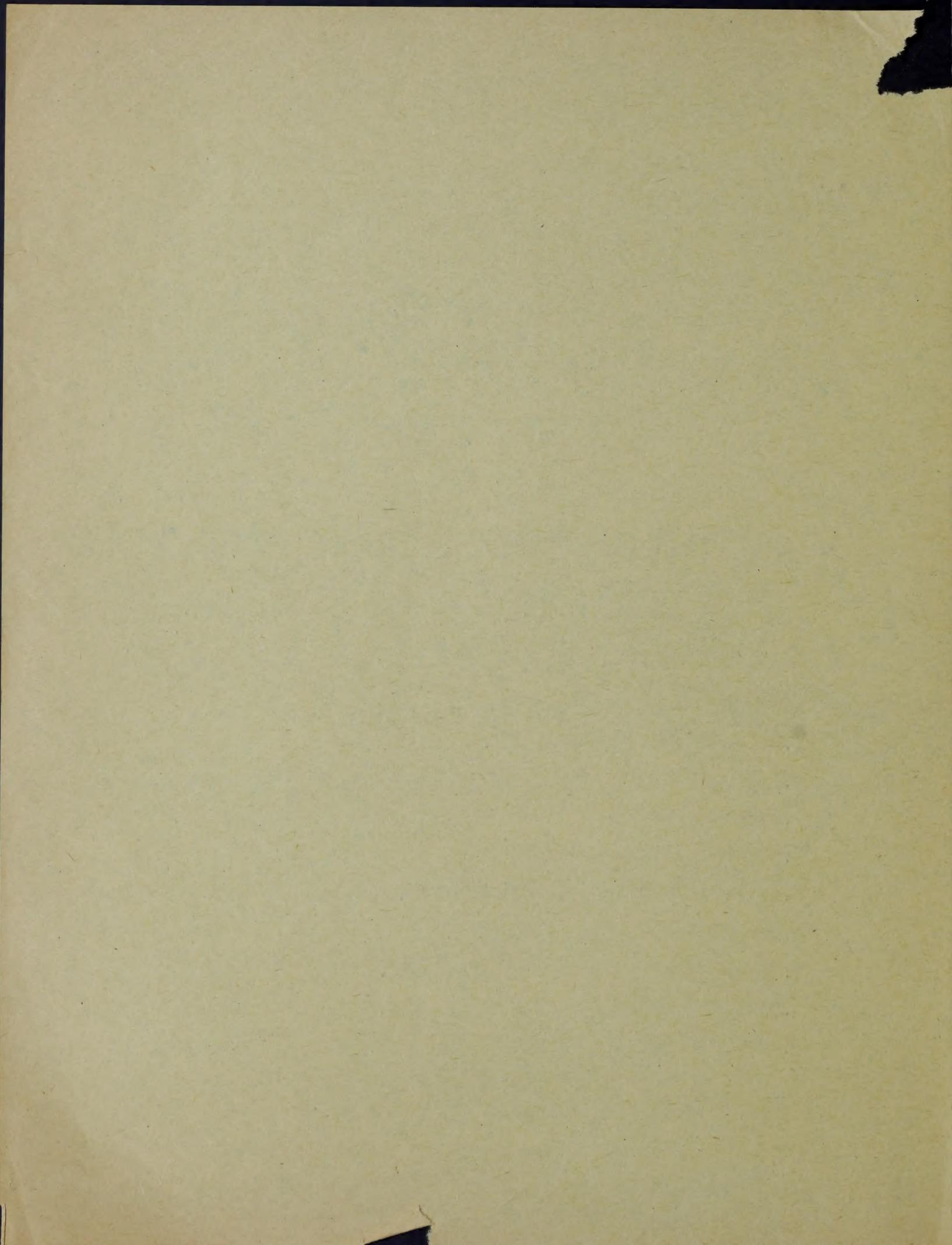
Source materials were

1. Census of New York State, 1790.
2. Petition of Peter Crouter in 1797, from Public Archives of Canada.
3. Article on Crouter Family in "Pioneer Life On The Bay of Quinte."
4. Tombstone records from Albury Cemetery, Ameliasburgh.
5. Directory of Prince Edward County, 1865.
6. Directory of Hastings County, 1870.
7. Militia Roll, Northumberland County, 1828.
8. Atlas of Northumberland & Durham Counties.
9. Atlas of Hastings & Prince Edward Counties.

It may not please you, but it did take a good deal of time in putting it together without too many mistakes.

Yours sincerely,





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